

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the current Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A lifting device (102) ~~comprising~~ including a handle ~~means~~ (16) and at least two pivotably connected frame members (104) adapted to pivot between a first, open, configuration (02) and a second, closed, configuration (03), wherein at least a portion of inner walls of the at least two frame members (104) form a gripping surface, which gripping surface is adapted to lie substantially parallel with side walls of an article to be lifted (01) when in the second, closed, ~~d~~ onfiguration configuration (03).